

**Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program
Public Notice of Updates to the Enforceable Policies of the Program
for which Federal Consistency will apply effective February 20, 2006.**

Notice of intended action: This public notice is to inform interested parties that the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program's enforceable policies have been updated and incorporated into the Program.

Purpose of the notice: The Coastal Zone Management Act (15 C.F.R. §923.84) requires state Coastal Zone Management Programs to formally incorporate changes made to the laws and policies that are used for Federal Consistency. The changes discussed here were previously made to the individual policies and are now formally incorporated into the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program. These updates are considered to be Routine Program Changes, and therefore do not significantly affect the (1) uses subject to management; (2) special management areas; (3) boundaries; (4) authorities and organization or (5) coordination, public involvement and national interest components of the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has concurred with the revised provisions discussed below and has approved their incorporation into the Program. Federal consistency shall apply to the revised provisions effective February 20, 2006.

A summary of the updates to the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program is as follows:

- (1) **Executive Order 23 (2002)** - The Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program (VCP) was established in 1986 through Executive Order 13. This Program Change will replace the Executive Order currently authorizing the Program with Executive Order 23 (2002).
- (2) **Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Designation and Management Regulations, Virginia Administrative Code (9 VAC 10-20-30 et seq.)** - The Commonwealth of Virginia has revised the Commonwealth's enforceable policies in the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Designation and Management Regulations, 9 VAC 10-20-30 et seq., effective March 1, 2002. This Program Change incorporates the new regulations into Program.
- (3) **Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act, 10.1-2100 et seq.** - In 2005, an amendment to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act (10.1-2100 et seq.) was adopted which eliminates the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department and transfers responsibility for administration of the Act to the Department of Conservation and Recreation. This Program Change updates the department name referred to in the Act.

To review documents: The text of these changes as well as an analysis of their implication to the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program is available on the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program's web site beginning February 20, 2006 at www.deq.virginia.gov/coastal

If you require paper copies of any of these documents, please contact the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program through Rachel Bullene at (804) 698-4122.